2276 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet received the decision of the concerned Administrative Ministry for redressal of the grievances of handicapped employees in PSUs ;

(b) whether certain PSUs have been dragging the handicapped employees in court case without giving them the sympathits, as they might be deserving ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) what further steps would be taken to resolve such disputes even outside the courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) The redressal grievances of employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including handicapped employees falls within the administrative ambit of the concerned PSU. If any complaint is received in the Ministry of Welfare the same forwarded to the concerned administrative Ministry/Deptt. for remedial action.

Central scheme for assistance to voluntary Organisations

5207. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Scheme for providing assistance to voluntary Organisations engaged in serving persons with cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for manpower development ; and

(b) if so, the retails thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations for manpower development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation to the extent of 100 per cent. Assistance is given only to those teachers training courses which are recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India. The applications are considered for grant on being recommended by the concerned State Governments/ UTs. In the year 1993-94, 10 voluntary organisations were assisted with Rs. 30 lakhs.

District Rehabilitation Scheme

5208. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had launched the District Rehabilitation Scheme in early 1985 for providing a package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this Scheme so far, including the names of the States in which the scheme is under implementation and the number of Districts covered under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) There are 11 District Rehabilitation Centres working in 10 States. The scheme envisages services to locomotor disabled speech & hearing impaired, visually impaired, mentally handicapped and multiple handicapped persons. The Services provided under the Scheme are placed as statement-I (*See* below). Apartfrom that there are 4 Regional Rehabilitation Training Centres (RRTCs) in Lucknow, Madras, Cuttack and Bombay to provide technical support to the District Rehabilitation Centres in the area of trained professional manpower, paramedical and field workers.

(c) The progress made so far under the scheme is placed as statement-II and statemest-III

Statement-I

Services provided to the handicapped persons under the District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme.

(a) Prevention and Early Detection ;